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SUBJECT: SPECIAL TRADE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY- DINE SMALL WEAPONS PLANT

1. MEINE (THE ECUADOREAN ARMY INDUSTRIES DIRECTORATE) IS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FACILITY TO ASSDOBLE, MAINTAIN AND REPAIR RIFLES, PISTOLS AND SUB-MACHINE GUNS. THE INVESTOR WOULD SUPPLY PARTS FOR THE WEAPONS, WHICH WOULD THEN BECOME THE STANDARD FIREARMS OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMED FORCES.

2. JINE WOULD ALSO LIKE, POSSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE PROJECT, TO ESTABLISH A FACILITY TO MANUFACTURE HAND GRENADES AND ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES USING EXPLOSIVE MATERIAQ FROM A DINE EXPLOSIVES PLANT EXPECTED TO COME ON STREAM WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

3. THE INVESTORS IN THESE PROJECTS WOULD BE JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS WITH DINE. AN ISRAELI FIRM HAS ALREADY PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH FACILITIES, AND DINE WOULD LIKE SIMILAR PROPOSALS FROM COMPETENT U.S. FIRMS.

4. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DIRECCION DE INDUSTRIAS DEL EJERCITO (DINE)

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QUITO, ECUADOR

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